

South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting – April 16, 2004

The SD Council on Developmental Disabilities met on April 16, 2004 at the USD Center for Disabilities in Sioux Falls, SD.

Members Present

Travis Arneson
Deborah Bouchie
Robert Kean
Michael McRoden
David Nissen
Cindy Roan Eagle
David Scott
Wanda Seiler

Kati Seymour
Sharon Sonnenschein
Judy Struck
Isabel Trobaugh
Lex Werdel
Ted Williams
Val Wysuph

Others Present

Nate Anderson
Edith Arneson
Julie Bleeker
Beth Henrichsen

Nathan Miller
Arlene Poncelet
Clayton Werdel

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairperson Deborah Bouchie called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves and their reason for involvement with the Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

Kati Seymour moved, seconded by Robert Kean to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Lex Werdel moved, seconded by David Scott to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Council meeting held on January 29, 2004; Executive Committee meeting held on March 16, 2004.

Kati Seymour moved, seconded by Cindy Roan Eagle to ratify action taken by the Executive Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE & PLACE

The Council tentatively set the next meeting date for Thursday, July 15, 2004 via DDN.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene alerted the group that March was DD Awareness Month. There were coffee mugs and water bottles with this year's theme, "Think Ability First", available for Council members. The NACDD TA Institute will be held in Washington DC, June 7-9, 2004. Arlene also gave an update on the budget.

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UPDATE

Wanda Seiler spoke to the group and updated them on the happenings of the PLANS Workgroup. PLANS stands for People Leading Accessible Networks of Support and is a federal grant received by the Division. The group is made up of 15-20 individuals who are formulating a vision for the future and discussing current services. The group is made

up of parents, individuals and state representatives. Their goal is to educate people about the system so they can make informed decisions about the services they receive.

The group also discusses best practices in and out of SD. There is a meeting coming up that will host three out of state guest speakers. Regional meetings will be held this summer to find out what families need and want. This will be completed by August. Then they will compile all the info and propose a plan for extended dollars to keep the grant going.

One area of need that has been identified during Accreditation Reviews by the Council on Quality and Leadership is training for parents on guardianship and their role as guardian. It was suggested that the PLANS workgroup would like to incorporate this type of training as part of the regional forums being planned for this summer. They may need assistance with trainer costs.

FFY03 ANNUAL REPORT

Arlene discussed the annual report with the group. The annual report was accepted by the Administration on DD. There was a comment in the letter received that ADD does not support funding of projects on a long term basis (example was Partners in Policymaking). This is not necessarily true, as there was a memo from ADD stating that long-term funding for training and advocacy projects was appropriate. Therefore, Arlene feels that the Council should not be concerned at this time about the 15-year

commitment made to Partners in Policymaking in South Dakota.

REVIEW OF STATE PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The group discussed the State Plan:

EMPLOYMENT/Objective 1.3 Individualized Employment Options

The Business Leadership Network is currently active in Sioux Falls. They may want to develop a statewide network. It was suggested that they be invited to present to the Council.

HOUSING

Robert spoke to the group regarding the Housing Conference that was held in Sioux Falls on April 15. There were about 150+ participants at the conference consisting of consumers, families, state and federal agencies and services providers. There was some interest by some of the participants in having a meeting to discuss ways to share this information more broadly and to “show” how this can work for people with developmental disabilities.

HEALTH

The Council had approved a summer intern project through the Division of DD, however due to other issues the Division will not be completing this activity. The SD Dental Association has hired a person to work on the dental project.

Other ideas for activities included a pedometer project for individuals with DD; disseminating information to new employees at SDDC, ATCs and schools regarding preventative health issues for people with DD. Consider possible collaboration with the PLANS project to get information out to families. The College of Direct Support may include information in this area and they are looking at making the curriculum available to parents. Judy Struck mentioned the Medical School Colloquium in July and other activities that the Center for Disabilities is working on as far as getting information to physicians and medical school students.

EDUCATION

The group briefly discussed utilizing the Regional TA Centers being developed through the Department of Education, Office of Special Education for outreach and assistance in determining needs in this area.

CHILD CARE

Arlene passed out information to the group on the Alliance for Children. The Liberty Center model was suggested for possible replication.

TRANSPORTATION

The Council continues to have an objective to maintain awareness of issues and activities.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Council has a number of ongoing projects in this area.

RECREATION

Current activities were discussed in this area.

FORMAL & INFORMAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Again, current activities were discussed and determined appropriate.

Overall, the Council did not recommend any changes to the State Plan Goals or Objectives. The recommended budget will be reviewed at the next meeting.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

It was recommended that Arlene develop draft Requests for Funding in the areas of Health and Housing for review at a future meeting.

Wanda Seiler mentioned a presentation she had seen by two men who receive services from Black Hills Special Services Cooperative (BHSSC). The presentation was about directing their own meetings using picture symbols rather than written words. Robert Kean moved, seconded by Michael McRoden, to ask BHSSC or these two men to submit a grant application to share their message of self-advocacy statewide. Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION – TOOLS (TEACHING OTHERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIFE SUCCESSES)

Edith Arneson, Travis Arneson and Kati Seymour presented to the group. The goal of TOOLS is to have full inclusion of individuals with differences in all aspects of

life. They plan to do this by establishing a foundation of operation, establishing a “people” first group network using the foundation of “people first” groups, establishing their name through public relations awareness, establishing mini seminars to educate and inform individuals with diverse needs, and use technology to assist individuals and the organization to network.

There were questions from the group regarding the match. They have outside sources to help cover the match. Another question was about the high cost of the database software and the Council felt less expensive software could be used. The Council also questioned where the funding would come in the future. The Council thinks the idea for TOOLS is great, but also felt it was over ambitious as a start-up project. There was discussion that if the grant is approved, Travis and Kati would have to resign from the Council, due to the conflict of interest.

GRANT APPLICATION – PART B-DAKOTA SELF ADVOCATES BECOMING EMPOWERED

Julie Bleeker, Ron Frame and Mary Keierleber presented to the group. The goals of this project are to provide a consumer driven management system, develop a speaker’s bureau of people with developmental disabilities and to provide technical assistance, support and monitoring of the Dakota Self Advocates Becoming Empowered.

Julie Bleeker would provide 2-day trainings to people first chapters and adjustment training centers. There is a

Consumer Rights Manual to be published this year. Julie is a national Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) board member. She is the representative for South Dakota, North Dakota, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. She would also provide Project Vote training.

There were concerns from the Council that this group is not working on activities that were different than those planned during the 2 years of Council funding for The Empowerment Network project. One suggestion from the Council was to provide training to educate individuals with developmental disabilities to run their own meetings.

GRANT APPLICATION – IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Tom Scheinost presented to the group. The goals of this project are to provide innovative training in the areas of: planning for an aging society, family/service provider relationships, sibling issues, how to support people to make and achieve personal goals, consumer issues on dealing with rights and community networking. The Council had some questions about the staff salary in the budget. It was suggested that SDaCBS consider using Council funds to cover travel costs of ATC staff participation in the Parallel Group's meeting.

UPDATE – COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT

During lunch, Tom Scheinost provided an update to the Council regarding the Direct Support Staff Recruitment & Retention grant and the College of Direct Support grant currently funded by the Council.

GRANT APPLICATION – JAYCEE CAMP INCLUSION EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Chad Albers, Greg Kludt, and Sheila Toering presented to the group. The goals of this project are to serve 223 campers during the 8 weeks of staffed camp while maintaining inclusion of 20%, complete the database with three years of current and historical donor and camper information and to serve 28 campers during a week of day camp. The Jaycee Camp is requesting this final year of funding from the Council towards their Inclusion Campaign.

DECISIONS ON FUNDING

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – The Request for Funding included 1) use of an already developed curriculum for leadership and advocacy training and 2) technical assistance to organizations across the state.

Tools (Teaching Others Opportunities for Life Successes)

Ted Williams moved, seconded by Judy Struck, to approve the full amount of federal funds for the proposal entitled, “Tools (Teaching Others Opportunities for Life Successes)”. A friendly amendment was made to accept a re-written proposal for TOOLS with a budget of \$50,000 with suggestions to exclude a conference, the expensive database software and possibly salaries. Amendment carried. Motion carried. Travis Arneson and Kati Seymour abstained.

Dakota Self Advocates Becoming Empowered

Wanda Seiler moved, seconded by David Scott, to approve \$33,875 of federal funds for the proposal entitled "Part B-Dakota Self Advocates Becoming Empowered. Motion denied.

NON-COMPETITIVE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

In-Service Training

Robert Kean motioned, seconded by David Scott to approve \$12,500 of federal funds for the proposal entitled "In-Service Training" pending Arlene's discussion with Department of Human Services Fiscal Staff to discuss the issue of Council funds covering a portion of the salary costs for staff that are planning the training events. . Motion carried. Ted Williams abstained.

Jaycee Camp Inclusion Expansion Campaign

Kati Seymour moved, seconded by Cindy Roan Eagle to approve \$25,025 of federal funds for the proposal entitled "Jaycee Camp Inclusion Expansion Campaign". Motion carried. Travis Arneson abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.m.